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"OFFICIALS" CONCERNING AID TO TURKEY

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YOU SHOULD PROMPTLY ASSURE BITSIOS THAT NEITHER UNDER-
SECRETARY SISCO, WHO WAS ONLY ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL TO
TESTIFY DURING HOUSE HEARINGS, NOR ANY OTHER "U.S. OFFI-
CIAL", HAS ALLEGED CARAMANLIS "HAS NO
OBJECTION" TO RESUMPTION OF U.S. MILITARY AID TO TURKEY
OR HAS APPEARED TO SPEAK IN ANY WAY FOR THE GREEK GOVERN-
MENT ON THIS SUBJECT. YOU SHOULD ALSO STATE THAT WE RE-
COGNIZE NO GREEK GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL CAN BE EXPECTED TO
SIGNAL HE IS IN FAVOR OR INDIFFERENT TO U.S. ASSISTANCE
TO TURKEY AND THAT, THEREFORE, NO USG REPRESENTATIVE WOULD
SEEK TO INDICATE THAT CONTRARY WAS CASE. WHAT WE HAVE SAID,
AS REFLECTED IN THE SISCO STATEMENT, IS THAT IN OUR VIEW
THE PRESENT PROHIBITIONS ON AID TO TURKEY HAVE CONTRIBUTED
TO TENSIONS NOT HELPFUL TO ANY OF THE PARTIES INCLUDING
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GREECE. THE STATEMENT ALSO NOTED OUR VIEW THAT GREECE HAS

ITS OWN STAKE IN HAVING TURKEY A PART OF THE WESTERN
ALLIANCE SYSTEM AND THAT STABILITY IN THE AREA IS DEPENDENT
ON GREEK/TURK COOPERATION. INGERSOLL

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